ment has been strengthened and stricter supervision and control are being enforced.

**Interim Report of the Ninth Finance Commission**

178. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the interim report of the Ninth Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The first Report of the Ninth Finance Commission covering the year 1989-90 was received on 29th July, 1988 and this was placed on the Table of the House along with Explanatory Memorandum on the Action taken on the recommendations of the Commission on 2nd September, 1988.

**Clearance of Bakreshwar Thermal Project in West Bengal**

179. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since cleared the Bakreshwar Thermal Project in West Bengal from environmental angle; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Thermal Power Appraisal Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forests visited the site from 23rd to 25th June, 1988. Some essential details like availability of ground water, pollution control measures, etc. have been sought from the West Bengal State Electricity Board.

**Clearance of Haldia Petrochemical Project**

180. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have finally cleared the Haldia Petrochemical Project in West Bengal;

(b) whether the I.D.B.I. has been asked to prepare the financing pattern for an investment of Rs. 850 crores;

(c) whether the original project report has since been modified; and

(d) if so, what are the details of modifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that financial institutions have not so far cleared the project of M/s. Haldia Petrochemicals Limited. IDBI has also not received any revised projections relating to the project from the company.

**Sarkaria Commission Recommendations**

181. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since completed the examination of the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations;

(b) if so, whether Government have finally decided to take follow-up action thereon; and